

REMARKS

1. *History/Interview*

Claims 1-9 and 59-65 were deemed allowable in the Office Action dated May 3, 2006 ("Non-Final Office Action"). Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of all prior rejections and the allowance of claims 1-9 and 59-65. Applicants have canceled claims 10-58 and 66-108.

Applicants thank Examiner Yao and Supervisory Examiner Helms for the telephonic interview that was conducted on October 8, 2008. During that interview, the outstanding rejections detailed in the Final Office Action dated April 29, 2008 were discussed. In addition, the Declaration of Dr. Elias Georges was discussed, specifically how the data in that declaration impacted the rejections of claims 10, 12, 14-19, 66, 68, and 70-74. There was no agreement reached on the allowability of these claims.

2. *Amendments*

To expedite prosecution of this application, and for that reason alone, Applicants have canceled claims 10-58 and 66-108. In view of these amendments and the previously deemed allowability of claims 1-9 and 59-65, Applicants respectfully aver that this application is in condition for allowance and that all outstanding rejections detailed in the Final Office Action dated April 29, 2008 are moot.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding rejections contained in the Final Office Action mailed on April 29, 2008 should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants also respectfully submit that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

The time for responding to this action has been extended to October 29, 2008 by the accompanying Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If the Examiner believes that any further discussion of this communication would be helpful, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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